

# OUTREACH NOTICE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

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# GS-0401-12 Assistant Team Lead

The Coconino National Forest will soon be advertising a GS-0401-12, Assistant Team Leader, for the Four Forest Restoration Initiative project. This position is a permanent full time position. Anyone interested in further information should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to hprovencio@fs.fed.us or contact Henry Provencio at 928-226-4684.

#### **THE POSITION**

This position is supervised by the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Team Lead. This position will work on the 4FRI project across four forests (Kaibab, Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto). The incumbent's duty station is located at the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Major duties and the work emphasis of this position will be to assist the Team Leader with complex administrative duties associated with the supervision of employees and collaborating with a diverse group of stakeholders representing environmental, research, industry, and government interests. These duties include the development of out-year planning and budgets, review and approval of time and travel, creation of position descriptions, submission of personnel actions, etc. Work with external stakeholders will require the incumbent to speak at public meetings, provide the governments positions on complex issues such as contracting and NEPA, provide stakeholders with clarification on project development and analysis.

A large portion of the incumbent's time will be spent on the operations and implementation portion of the project. This will include coordination of task orders and sale preparation, resource surveys and engineering needs across the four forests. The incumbent will need skills in working across a large geographic area and with diverse personalities.

# THE SETTING

The Four Forest Initiative covers approximately 2.4 million acres. The Forests are located in Northern Arizona and are characterized by a broad plateau of ponderosa pine and many rocky, slot canyons along the Mogollon Rim.

# **DUTY STATION**

The incumbent's duty station is located at the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Coconino National Forest is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Forest Service has three offices in Flagstaff: the Supervisor's Office, Mormon Lake District Office and the Peaks Ranger District Office.

The Coconino National Forest is one of the most diverse National Forests in the country, with landscapes ranging from the famous Red Rocks of Sedona to the Ponderosa Pines which line the Mogollon Rim, up to the Aspens growing on the San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff--the highest peak in Arizona at 12,633 feet.

As one of the six National Forests in Arizona, and comprised of just over 1.82 million acres, Coconino National Forest consists of four districts which include recreational activities such as hunting, snow skiing and winter sports, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and offroad vehicle activities. The Forest itself is flanked on the southwest by the Verde River, borders the Kaibab National Forest on its northwest side, and also the Tonto National Forest to the south.

#### THE COMMUNITY

Most people think of Arizona as being hot, with desert vegetation. This is certainly not true in Flagstaff. Flagstaff is surrounded by the Coconino National Forest, which in this area is primarily ponderosa pine with a variety of wildlife and snow-capped San Francisco Peaks in the winter.

Flagstaff, Arizona is located at the intersection of Interstate 17 and Interstate 40, and is the largest city in Northern Arizona. As a mid-sized city, Flagstaff has approximately 76,000 people living in and around it. The city is also the regional center and county seat for Coconino County, the second largest county in the 48 contiguous states. The City of Flagstaff, becoming a town in 1894, incorporated as a city in 1928, and currently comprising of just over 64 square miles, is nestled at the base of the San Francisco Peaks and surrounded by one of the largest pine forests on earth. Flagstaff drew its name from a very tall pine tree made into a flagpole in 1876 to celebrate our nation's centennial. At nearly 7,000 feet, Flagstaff is also one of the highest elevation cities in the United States. The city is a year-round mecca for visitors and many Arizonans maintain second homes here.

NAU, the largest employer in the City, has a major economic impact annually. The campus is used year-round and hosts many professional athletes, e.g., Arizona Cardinals and Phoenix Suns, and Olympic athletes that choose Flagstaff as training site because of the climate, altitude, and available facilities. The University, in partnership with the City of Flagstaff and the State of Arizona, has institutionalized this with the development of the High Altitude Sports Training Center. The Center invites athletes worldwide to train at our 7,000 feet elevation, which has proven to offer a competitive advantage. The Center offers facilities, health assessments, and other services to these international athletes.

Five business and industrial parks are situated with excellent access to the Interstates (I-40 and I-17). One additional site resides within 15 miles of the City limits. Major manufacturers include W.L. Gore & Associates (of Gortex renown), manufacturer of medical equipment; Nestle Purina Petcare Products, manufacturer of pet food; SCA Tissue, manufacturer of tissue paper; and Joy

Cone, manufacturer of ice cream cones.

# **WEATHER**

Flagstaff enjoys four distinct seasons. Moderate summer temperatures average twenty degrees less than Phoenix, and are punctuated with afternoon rain showers in July and August. The winter brings an average annual snowfall of 99.5 inches, much to the enjoyment of skiers, ice skaters and snowboarders. As the snow thaws into spring, blooming wildflowers are abundant and fragrant along Flagstaff's many hiking trails. Autumn is highlighted with the changing of the aspen leaves that transform the surrounding mountains into a golden tapestry of color. Flagstaff averages 283 days without precipitation each year, so it is not surprising that our residents love the great outdoors, and the mild climate encourages year-round outdoor activities

# **CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SCENIC ATTRACTIONS**

Flagstaff serves as the cultural hub of Northern Arizona. Because arts and cultural activities enhance the quality of life and have an economic impact, the City supports these endeavors. Funding support for these activities comes from the Bed, Board and Booze tax, and the General Fund. The Arts and Science Commission will disburse these funds. Throughout the year, there are art shows, festivals, live theater performances, and Native American arts and crafts exhibits to satisfy the most ardent enthusiast.

The Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit corporation dedicated to bringing world-class musical performances to their audiences, and to providing innovative programs in music education for youth across northern Arizona. The FSO conducts six concerts from September through April form the core of the Symphony's season, with additional Young People's Concerts for children in the Flagstaff Unified School District, and a Lollipop concert in December for families with young children. Regular concerts are held in 1500-seat Audrey Auditorium on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

Lowell Observatory was founded in 1894 by Boston mathematician Percival Lowell. Best known for the discovery of Pluto, Lowell Observatory is also where astronomer V.M. Slipher gathered the first evidence that the universe is expanding. The Observatory also maintains a vigorous education and outreach program, headquartered in the Steele Visitor Center on Mars Hill. Each year, about 70,000 people visit the Observatory to learn about astronomy by participating in multimedia programs, private and school programs, special events, and other educational activities. The Observatory offers daily-guided tours and evening programs.

The Museum of Northern Arizona offers internationally recognition exhibits in archeology, ethnology, geology, biology, and fine art of the Colorado Plateau. Four especially notable exhibitions, which attract national and international visitors, include the annual Zuni, Hopi, Navajo, and Hispanic Exhibitions with contemporary and traditional pottery, weaving, jewelry, and sand paintings, as well as native artist demonstrations and traditional dance.

Known as the "City of Seven Wonders," Flagstaff attracts millions of tourists each year due to its easy access to such scenic destinations as the Grand Canyon, Sunset Crater, Oak Creek Canyon, Meteor Crater, Walnut Canyon, Wupatki National Monument, and the San Francisco Peaks.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Flagstaff is a major crossroads for the west. Interstates 17 and 40 provide road access to major west coast markets, including San Francisco, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Diego, parts of Mexico, and of course, Phoenix and Tucson. US Highway 89 provides access to the states north of Arizona and Highway 180 provides access to the Grand Canyon.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway serves the city of Flagstaff with more than 100 trains passing through town daily. Amtrak also services Flagstaff twice daily connecting with Los Angeles and Chicago. Bus services are available for within the city (Mountain Line), intra and interstate (Greyhound), and several tour guide companies provided service around Northern Arizona. In addition, there are several taxicab companies.

Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, located four miles south of downtown Flagstaff on I-17, provides frequent daily flights to and from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, where national and international connections can be made.

Additionally, the City is committed to the development of a non-motorized urban trail network (FUTS), which will interconnect virtually all areas of the City when completed and will serve as an important transportation element as well as a recreation amenity. The current draft of the proposed City/County regional plan shows an estimated 55 miles of FUTS. The City has completed approximately 32.8 miles to date.

#### **SHOPPING**

Flagstaff has an array of shopping centers, including; Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and other drug stores, auto parts stores, hardware stores, Home Depot, Sam's Club and the Flagstaff Mall with a wide selection of department stores such as, Dillard's, Sears and JC Penny's. There are a wide variety of grocery stores and several health food stores. Downtown Flagstaff recently experienced revitalization as part of the Main Street USA program, and features many quaint shops and galleries.

#### **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Flagstaff has an extensive array of medical facilities and resources in the areas of traditional, integrative and alternative healthcare. Flagstaff Medical Center is the Northern Arizona Regional referral center for trauma, cancer, rehabilitation, cardiac care, high-risk maternal/fetal, MRI/CT scans, and more. More than 148 physicians are on active staff at the hospital, representing 36 medical specialties.

#### **CHURCHES**

All denominations of religion are well represented in the Flagstaff area.

#### **RECREATION**

Flagstaff sports a multitude of outdoor and indoor recreation activities. Horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, down-hill skiing, indoor pools, soccer, basketball, little league, baseball, softball and volleyball, are available for all age groups at very little cost to the individual.

City of Flagstaff Parks and Recreation Department and the Flagstaff Athletic Center East and West offer numerous indoor and outdoor activities. In addition, there is an extensive Urban Trail System throughout the area connecting the city with the forest trails system.

Nearby National Parks and Monuments include: the Grand Canyon, Montezuma Castle, Walnut Canyon, Monument Valley, Painted Desert and Sunset Crater.

# **LIBRARY**

There is a community library in town which also serves the outlying communities with a book-mobile which visits different areas of the community on different days of the week. The university also has a full service library.

# MOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

There is no shortage of motels or restaurants in the community. Being located at the junction of two interstates (I-40 and I-17) and being the major community south of the Grand Canyon makes Flagstaff an ideal location for major motels and restaurants.

# **OUTREACH CONTACT**

# **Henry Provencio**

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For public information about 4FRI: http://fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/4fri/

For public information about the Forest: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/</a>

For internal information about the Forest: <a href="http://fsweb.coconino.r3.fs.fed.us/">http://fsweb.coconino.r3.fs.fed.us/</a>

For information about the community: Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Website (www.flagstaff.az.us) or email (chamber@flagstaff.az.us).

# **OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete this form and send to **hprovencio@fs.fed.us**. If you do not have access to electronic mail, please complete the form and mail or fax to: **Henry Provencio**, **Coconino National Forest**, 1824 S. Thompson, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Fax number 928-527-3620.

I am interested and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement for the following position:

Position Title/Series/Grade: <u>Asst. Team Lead GS-0401- 12</u>
Location: Region 3, Coconino NF, Supervisor's Office
PERSONAL INFORMATION:
Name: Date:
Address:
E-Mail Address: Phone: Current title/series/grade: Are you currently a Federal employee? YES NO IF YES: Current Agency and location:
If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:  Person with Disabilities Veterans Readjustment Former Peace Corps Volunteer Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability Student Career Experience Program Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 Other
Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.